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(a 314 § 316)

First Licinian War.

Lat 316

2nd great battle near Hadrianopolis
in Thrace, at a place called
CAMPUS ARDIENSIS. Constantine
vs Valens / Licinius.

Valens was executed. Licinius
ceded most of the Balkan Provinces
to Constantine

316-340

Constantine II, Roman emperor,
son of Constantine I.

Constantine II, in 337 received
Britain, Gaul, and Spain. He felt
he had been cheated. He demanded
territory that had been given
to Constantine I.

In an invasion of Italy to win
territory, he was killed in an ambush.

316

Constantinople attacked/looted/destroyed and
seized the Balkans (except for Thrace)

c260-340 LACTANTIUS

Neoplatonist: lived through first persecutions at end of 3rd & beginning of 4th cen.

Trusted friend of Constantine

LUCIUS CAELIUS FIRMIANUS LACTANTIUS

Christian Author and apologist. Born Africa
Taught rhetoric at Diocletian's school in
Nicomedia and during the persecutions was
converted to Christianity. Later (c316) he was

water later at Trier to Cyprian, Constantine I's son. His works, influenced by Cicero and Seneca were sincere, well written expositions of Church Doctrine but sometimes erroneous in theological details.

His works are the chief source for the history of the Persecution Nero, Domitian, Decius & their horrible end.

Constantius transferred the center of his activities to the Balkan provinces recently seized from LICINIUS, making SERDICA (modern Sofia) and then SIRMUM (near Belgrade) his principal base.

8 Oct 316

Battle of CIBALAE.

Constantine defeated Licinius' much larger army. Licinius fled to SARDICA, where he proclaimed VALENS, commander of the Danube frontier forces, his colleague in power with title of Augustus. VALENS assembled a new army.

Autumn 316

Constantine invaded the Balkans